

# Troopers Seek Public's Assistance Locating Suspect Wanted for Assault-New Castle

**New Castle**— The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate a suspect who is wanted in connection with an assault.

The incident occurred on November 30, 2018 at approximately 11:09 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the El Mariachi restaurant located at 519 E. Basin Road for an assault complaint. Further investigation revealed that a fight broke out between a 25-year-old male victim from Wilmington, his 35-year-old male friend and three subjects. All of the subjects exited the restaurant and continued to argue in the parking lot. The three subjects entered a white Dodge Ram and the driver intentionally struck the 25-year-old victim who was standing on the sidewalk.

The victim was transported to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition.

Through investigative measures, the driver of the Dodge Ram has been identified as 28-year-old **Elias Bustos-Mendoza** of Wilmington. Troopers have been unable to locate Bustos-Mendoza who is currently wanted for the following:

- Assault First Degree
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Reckless Endanger First Degree
- Criminal Mischief

Anyone with information in reference the whereabouts of Bustos-Mendoza is asked to please contact Troop 2, Detective Biddle at 302-365-8475. Information may also be

provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333  
or via the internet at  
<http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or  
have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of  
assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services  
Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support  
and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800  
VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit  
Director at [debra.reed@delaware.gov](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov).

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